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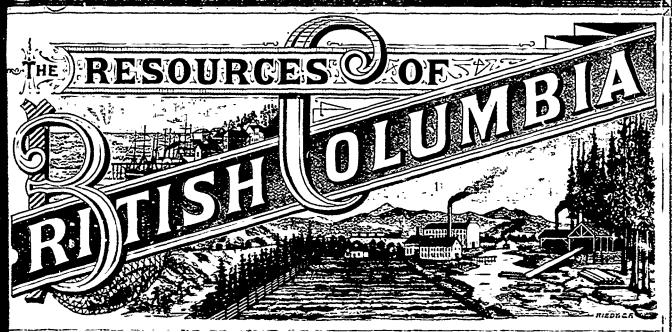
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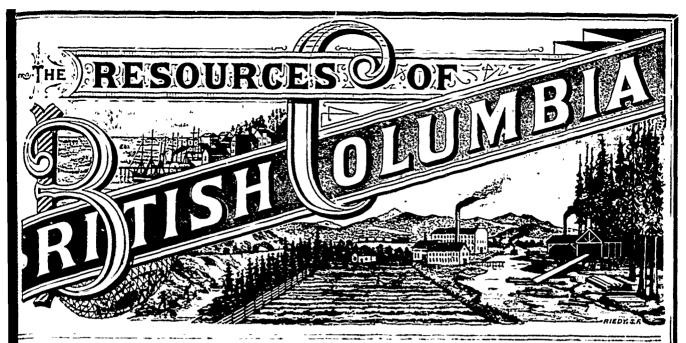
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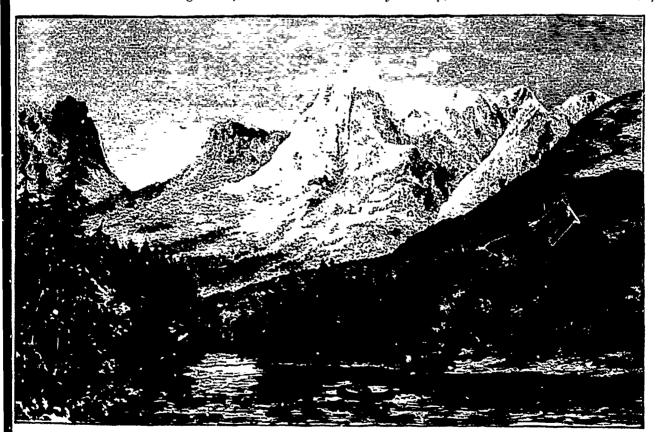
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Rocky Mountains to the Pacific. The General, so Mr. Baillie-Grohman informs us, who has since been holding important military commands in India and Australia, is a great traveller, and still speaks of the Kootenay country, which at the time of his visit was,



A REACH ON THE UPPER KOOTENAY RIVER.

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of course, a perfectly unknown and nameless wilderness, as "decidedly the most beautiful country he had ever seen, a natural park, supplied with everything man wants, and the one spot on earth he would select, were he to turn emigrant." The General, who but (Continued on page 3).

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ADVERTISING THE PROVINCE.

It is stated on good authority that the natural increase in England alone, is more than a quarter of a million souls per year over and above the outflow by emigration, and the important question to a new country is how to direct or attract a portion of this emigrating movement to their own shores. To the right class of emigrants the Province of British Columbia offers peculiar advantages, as faithfully described by the publications printed and distributed by the Department of Agriculture.

Competition for eligible emigrants from Great Britain and from other European countries, especially Germany, has become so strong in the United States that Canada is forced to employ all the resources within her power to control even a small portion of the movement and it has only been within a year or two that the Government has become alive to the real importance of the battle. With the opening up of the Canadian Northwest, where the Dominion Department of Agriculture was actually in competition with the Americans for Canadian emigrants for the new territories, it was found that the systems employed by the Railway and Land Companies of the neighboring republic were organized in a most thorough and attractive manner. No money was spared in advertising the different sections of country open for settlement and the publications distributed free broadcast over the Dominion were of the most elaborate and expensive description. So far as emigration literature is concerned, it is impossible to place an ordinary five cent pamphlet alongside of a fifty cent illustrated work printed in the highest style of art and expect the same influence and re-If the facts are worth circulating they should be embellished and elaborated by profuse illustra-Great Britain is flooded by these American publications; agents are working up every section of the kingdom; steamship companies are heavily subsidised; steamship companies' agents are paid large commissions, (including Canadian steamship lines), and there is a perfect American spider-web organization in constant operation. There is an important emigration each year from the Eastern Provinces of Canada to the Western States and to Manitoba and the Northwest. Minnesota and Dakota are largely composed of Canadians. Why should not Britist Columbia receive a very considerable proportion of this class of practical farmers, who are accustomed to the kind of work they would encounter in this Province?

At this writing we are not informed as to the amount of money spent by the Dominion Government of British Columbia, but we know that a great many thousands of dollars have been expended by the Department of Agriculture on Manitoba and the Northwest and that the Hon. Mr. Pope, in a discussion of the floor of the House of Commons, agreed to spend as much money in advertising this Province as the Local Government expended in the same way. Our representatives should see that this has been done

THE ESQUIMALT AND NANAIMO RAIL WA

The contract for the Nanaimo Division of the along railway has been let to Messrs. Graham & But two practical persons, who are said to possess the necessary money and experience to successfully cam The present contract com out their undertaking. prises the preparing for the rails of 22 miles of rails between Chemainus and Nanaimo. The country be tween these points is heavily timbered and there i said to be considerable bridging and trestle-world but the rock work is light and inconsiderable. The contractors commenced operations on the 1st of the month with about 100 white men, principally wood choppers and hewers and they have built their heal quarters at Oyster Bay, a point equi-distant between Nanaimo and Chemainus. The firm confidently of pect to complete their contract by the 1st of Ma and to do this at least 700 to 800 men will be requi The contractors advertise for white labor only but no doubt they will find it necessary, or profitable to place a large force of Chinese on earth-work, a which the Mongolian is well adapted. It is said, the the Railway Company will build a large what Oyster Bay where the rails and locomtives can unloaded. If this is done quite a small town w spring up at that point. It is not known when the contract for the Esquimalt Division will be let, but seems to be the intention of Mr. Dunsmuir and h associates to shove the road through as rapidly possible.

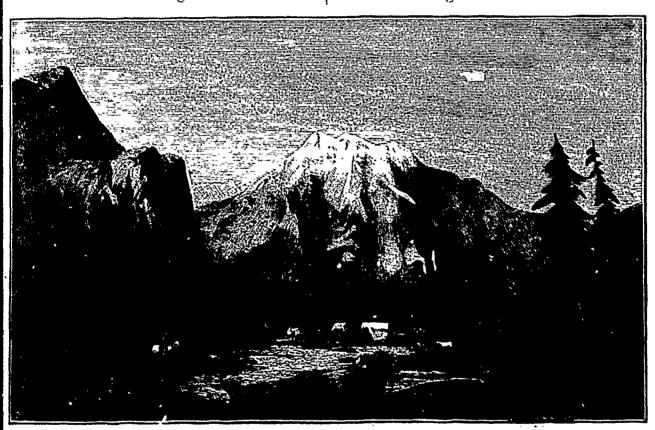
There were about nine tenders put in for the M naimo Division, and the unsuccessful tenderers is urally consider Graham & Busk's figures very low They have, however, satisfied the company that the are competent to fulfil their obligations and there universal confidence in the early completion of the portion of the Island Railway.

recently retired from Her Majesty's service, is well and hale, and takes much interest in the development of this district inaugurated by Mr. Grohman and his friends. The text of the illustrations has been furnished to us by a reliable correspondent personally acquainted with the locality.

There is no doubt that for the most easterly strip of British Columbia, comprised in the District of Kootenay there is fast approaching a bright future. This district has several not unimportant advantages over the North-West; its mineral wealth that has already yielded many millions; its agricultural and grazing land in close proximity to each other; its much milder winter climate and the good timber that covers

Mountains, rising at this point to great altitudes, with amazingly abrupt slopes that give the whole chain when seen from the smiling Upper Kootenay Valley, the appearance of a huge castellated fortress wall, and lending to this beautiful garden spot a resemblance to some medieval castle—close surrounded on all sides by formidable keeps and buttresses, all laid out on a gigantic scale. If we remind the reader that this one side of the Kootenay triangle is upwards of 300 miles in length, he can form for himself a better idea of the vast area of the Kootenay District, than were we to hamper his memory with the vast number of square miles it covers.

Inside this triangle there is to be found one of the



A CAMP IN THE UPPER KOOTENAY VALLEY.

all the mountain slopes, while the geographical position of the district right in the centre between the two most important railway systems of North America, holds out fair promises of a speedier development and enhanced traffic facilities than is, or will be enjoyed by most other portions of the Province.

The Kootenay District is a self-contained little empire in size and compactness. In shape, resembling a triangle, the apex of which is formed by the northermost bend of the Columbia River, while its base rests on the boundary line, seperating Montana and Idaho from I itish Columbia; a line formed, as everybody knows by the forty-ninth parallel. Its eastern frontier is the as yet but imperfectly located boundary formed by the main chain of the Rocky

most remarkable hydrographical configurations to be discovered among the mountainous countries on the globe, i. e. the close approach of the Kootenay to the Columbia River, a low strip of ground one mile in width, separating the two waters, the Kootenay River being at this point actually more than twenty feet higher than the Columbia, making it a most puzzling feature to explain how it has come that these two waters have not been connected long ere the birth of the nineteenth century, rendering unnecessary the canal an English company is proposing to construct at this point, in order to prevent the summer overflow of the Kootenay River, an inundation which endangers the agricultural cultivation of a large area of the richest of bottom land lying along the Upper and Lower Koot-

enay, works which will have to be supplemented by additional expenditure of considerable sums on the widening and deepening of the Kootenay Lake outlet, but the result will probably amply repay the enterprising capitalists from the old country who have undertaken to carry out not only this scheme, but one closely related and of course dependent upon its success, namely the colonization of the lands they reclaim, and by so doing, finding a ready market for the reclaimed lands, and benefiting in a substantial and most desirable manner this beautiful portion of the Province.

The Lower and Upper Kootenay Valleys are not alike in several important details. The former ex-

ence, would make of the Lower Kootenay Valley a splendid dairy farm region, were the land when once reclaimed, not too valuable for such purposes.

In the Upper Kootenay Valley, on the other hand, we have a happy combination of agricultural lands in the valley and comparatively bare hill slopes where bunch grass of rare size flourishes with great luxuriance, making it one of the choicest localities for cattle raising in the entire west. It's bottom lands, also secured to the Euglish reclamation Syndicate by their charter, are not so extensive in this valley as in the Lower Kootenay Valley, for in the whole length of the Upper Valley between the Upper Columbia Lake and the boundary line, a distance of



THE UPPER COLUMBIA LAKE-THE SOURCE OF THE COLUMBIA.

ccls in bottom lands of almost inexhaustible richness which, when once they have been reclaimed, will form one of the choicest fruit and hop growing districts of British Columbia and northern Idaho, for a large portion of the valley lies south of the International boundary line. Beyond its bottom land there is little land available for either grazing or agricultural purposes, as the foothills are on both sides somewhat densely timbered, and bunch grass grows only on a few hill slopes, the less nutritions timber grass being however, far more plentiful, and would afford summer grazing for moderately large band—of eattle, while facilities for hay cutting on the bottoms where an average yield of three tons of wild hay per acre can be obtained, as has been proved by actual experi-

some eighty-five or ninety miles, there is less than half the area of reclaimable bottom land, namely about 22,500 acres than what awaits the same process in the British part of the Lower Kootenay Val ey. The hay, root and cereal producing qualities of these bottoms are of great importance for the occasional severity of winters, every five or six years, wlll oblige the prudent stockraiser to take precautions in the way of having, say half to one ton of hay per head for his stock, although hitherto such provisions among the Indians, who own quite large herds of horses and cattle, (one sub-chief, Isidor, is reported to own somany as 800 horses) have not been made, their stock running out all the year round, and usually looking fat and sleek in Spring.

That the soil of the bottoms is suited and the limate adapted to the raising of almost any crops sproved by the successful attempts made by white ettlers, chiefly by the eminently industrious Father Fucet at the Mission, and by Mr. Galbraith. Their rops, raised on bottom lands, of wheat, hops, barley nd the different species of roots are of a quality hat could not be excelled in any other country with which the writer is acquainted. As soon as the near completion of the Canada Pacific Railway to the ist or Eastern crossing of the Columbia River is an ccomplished fact, and not a dream much to be esired, the possibility of getting in farming implenents will give this most desirable valley a very differ-Up to last year a plow had to be nt appearence. acked in on horses or mules from Walla Walla, four fundred and fifty miles over bad mountain trails, the mansportation amounting to more than twice the first est, while even to-day the transportation from Sandpoint, the nearest railway station on the Northern Pacific, some 150 miles off, costs from eight to ten ents a pound, to which must be still added the high Dominion customs dues.

The upper end of the valley will be about 100 niles from Golden City on the Columbia, where the landian Pacific Railway first strikes the great river, fier following down the Kicking Horse River. From this place its navigation right up to the head ake by flat-bottomed river steamers is not only possible, but already seriously spoken of, so that Canalian goods and farming implements will very soon be brainable in the Upper Kootenay at less cost than in lictoria.

As a fruit raising district, for which its early prings, warm summers and frostless early autumus, take it eminently suited, it will rank very high, is products commanding a ready market and good rices east of the Rocky Mountains, where no month of the year is secure from frosts, so destructive to his remunerative branch of agriculture.

The winters are, as recently (in our last number) sinted out in our reprint of Mr. W. A. Baillie-Grohan's paper on the Kootenay District, very much ilder than east of the Rocky Mountains, which assive barrier, 50 miles wide, and from 9000 to 14000 et high, catches and reflects down upon the sunny lley at its feet every breath of the warm Pacific inds. Last winter was, as we all know, quite a were one, the thermometer in one or two of interior lleys going down to forty degrees below zero. In the Lower Kootenay Valley where a temperature reger was kept by an English gentleman, not only reconsible, but entirely uninterested, the severest cold as twelve degrees below zero, and that only one day a cold spell lasting six days, averaging four degrees

below zero when coldest, while Kootenay Lake never freezes over. In the Upper Valley which lies about 2800 feet over the Pacific, no record was kept, but it is sufficient to note that no cattle died, while the altitude of the Lower Valley, as indicated on the Government Maps, is only 1250 feet.

Of the mineral and timber resources of the district it is hardly necessary to speak; the one has formed and will yet form a most valuable treasure trove, for where in one single creek over two million dollars worth of gold was taken out in two summers, by the rudest appliances, there is no doubt that improved machinery transported hither at about one-fiftieth of the cost of bringing in the most essential tools twenty years ago, with a similar reduction in the price of provisions (flour cost then one dollar a pound) will work wonders, not to speak at all of the most promising argentiferous quartz discoveries that have been made of late.

Taking a broad view of the district we find the following bottom facts: Abundant water in the shape of a large river, very numerous clear mountain streams, affording limitless water-power, and dozens of small lakes conveniently distributed over the bunchgrass clad hills; an equally super-abundant supply of the finest timber; vast tracts of undulating hill-slopes, where bunch-grass flourishes; distributed along the whole length of the river a large area of rich bottom land that grows any crop of the temperate zone, and would produce large crops of the best red-top, timothy, and blue joint hay, affording in the handiest shape winter food for the herds that have grown fat on the surrounding ranges; a bracing climate, with warm summers, and clear, frosty, but not too cold winters; a most favored position right at the foot of an immense chain that protects the valley from easterly winds, and catches the warm Pacific breezes; the genuine Chinook, of which, east of the Rockies, one hears a good deal, but feels very little. A navigable river at one end of the valley leading to the Canadian Pacific Railway, whilst at the southern end commence the immense stretches of the bare bunchgrass plains of Montana, good summer ranges, but void of all agricultural value, whence access can be gained by natural wagon-roads to the Northern Pacific Railway, thus having the choice, not only of two great markets, but of what is quite as important in the west, where competition is the most effectual preventative against arbitrarily high freightrates, i. e. the choice of two great transcontinental railways for the transportation of such of the produce which does not find a ready sale among the mining population, a contingency not likely to occur as mining camps are heavy consumers. Such are the advantages of the Upper Kcotenay Valley, and it will not be long before they are recognized and fully appreciated.*

[•] To show the large margin of profit farmers might derive we quote the local prices of Upper Kootenay ruling in 1884; Flour, \$10@\$12 for 100Be; Bacon, 30@35 cts., per B; Potatoes, 4 cts., per B.

WINTER IN MANITOBA.

The following extract from Harper's Bazar will show any lover of extremely cold weather where he should make his home. We give the article not so much to show where good sleighing can be had for half the year, as to allow our readers to compare the climate of British Columbia with that of other countries. On the sea coast, last winter, our lowest reading was about fourteen degrees below freezing, and that for only a very few days, whilst in the interior (in the Lower Kootenay Valley), the lowest reading and that for one day only, was twelve below zero, whilst a vast body of the water, Kootenay Lake, never freezes over. Then our sammers are entirely free from the sultryness of those of the Atlantic side, the summers of the entire Pacific slope, tending to invigorate rather than debilitate, making one sigh at heir departure and long for their return,

Perhaps a few homely details may best serve to illustrate what winter in Manitoba means. The snow outside our house was from six to ten feet deep from November to April. Travelling on wheels is, of course, out of the question, and we always used a sleigh. The snow gets caked and frozen hard and smooth along the trails, and even if, as sometimes happens, the horse sinks, and you upset, still a clean snowdrift is better than mud to fall on. I tried to wear boots last November and one of my feet froze. Moceasins, made by Indians, of moose skin, are used instead of shoes to cover the feet, which are first cased in several pairs of stockings. For travelling on foot, snow-shoes are best. These too, are of Indian They are generally flat frames of thin wood -from two to six feet long-pointed in front and rear, and filled up with interlaced deer sinew. The moccasined foot of the wearer is tied on in the middle of the snow-shoe, and after a little practice it is easy, so equipped, to walk five miles an hom across the snow. There is a snow-shoeing club in Winnipeg, where the art is taught and practised tens supersede gloves during the winter, as, if the fingers are separated, they generally freeze.

We were forced to melt snow for all the water we used last winter. The cold was so intense that when melted snow-water was poured from the boiler into a pail, and taken at once across to the stable, the ice on it frequently had to be broken with a stick before the cattle could drink; it froze so hard whilst being carried a distance of some sixty yards in the open air. My husband would sometimes come in from a short visit to the stock-yard with his nose frozen; indeed it is rather a common sight to see people partly frozen. The part affected turns as white as marble, and loses all feeling. Unless you see yourself in a glass, or are told of it, you are not conscious of being frozen. In this plight it is best not to go wear a fire, as sudden thawing is very painful. People generally try friction, rubbing themselves with snow, or better still, with parafline oil. Occasionally, when one is frozen and far from help, the part frozen, if an extremity, will snap off. Last year a man living about thirty miles from us was told that his ear was frozen, he put up his hand to feel, and the ear dropped off in his hand. Limbs sometimes have to be amputated from severe frost-bites. My kitten's ears froze and broke off last winter, and a neighbor's pony lost

its ears in the same way.

I was surprised when I first found the mustard freeze in my mustard pot, which stood a foot from the kitchen stove-pipe, and two feet above the stove, where there was a blazing fire all day and every day through the winter. Yet the mustard froze between every meal. Bread froze if left for half an hour in a room without a fire. I once left a pitcher full of milk in the kitchen all night, and next morning on trying to move it the pitcher fell to pieces, and left the milk standing solid in its place.

We could buy frozen milk by the pound, frozen so intensely that when I put a lump of it in a tin into the oven, or on top of the stove, the first part that melted would burn to the tin before the rest of it had thawed. I managed to melt it by first chopping the ice-milk into very small pieces. Clothes which had been washed froze before I could hang them on the line to dry. I used to leave them out two or three nights for the snow and frost to bleach, and they always needed thawing and drying again when they were brought in doors. Even after being damped and folded they would freeze together, and when I have been ironing the top of a pocket-hand kerchief, the lower part would freeze to the table, which was close by a roaring wood fire. Ironing un-

der these conditions is rather slow work. Such stories must sound almost incredible, except to those who, like myself, have witnessed the facis, though, of course, only in the most severe weather. A bearded Englishman who staid with us last winter was often forced, when he came in-doors, to thaw the icicles from his mustache, which froze to his beard and hindered him from talking to us. A pail of water left in the kitchen all night would freeze solid to the bottom before morning. This happened every time one was left, for two months. It is disappointing to lovers of skating that the out-door ice is completely spoiled by snow, which begins to fall as soon as the hard frost sets in. Though I lived within easy reach of Lake Manitoba, which is 130 miles long and was frozen hard for six months last season, I never once had my skates on. There are several corered rinks in Winnipeg, which are flooded, and so renewed every night.

In such a climate every one who can afford it is dressed in fur. Seal, beaver, and otter skins are most fashionable. Ordinary people are contentel with bear, raccoon, or buffalo. The Winnipeg police men all dress in buffalo coats down to their heels in winter, and almost every house contains at least one buffalo robe or rug. These cost from two to fire pounds each, and are used for camp bedding and driving wraps. The keenest wind can not pierce them

Winter is, of course, not equally severe through out. Part of my description applies only to its colder half. But to a woman the most trying part of the winter in Manitoba is not its severity -- for you live in a warm house-but its length Snow lay on the ground last season six months and a half, and the great lakes were frozen for the same period. This sounds almost unbearably tedious to English ears; and one's eyes grow very weary of the bare, blank white ness, and long for something green to look at; yet the

bright, clean, still frosts, with brilliant sunshine, glorious skies, and moonlit, aurora-colored nights, have great compensations of their own. A blizzard (i. e., a strong, keen, bone-piercing storm of wind with more or less snow) keeps every one in-doors until its rather rare visit is over. But in spite of every inconvenience, out-doors and in-doors, of the wintertime, I say deliberately that I would rather pass three winters on the prairie in Manitoba than one summer.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY TERMINUS.

For some months past real estate speculators have been in a state of unmixed uncertainty as to where the actual or ultimate terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway would be placed. So far as the contract, or agreement between the Dominion Government and the Province of British Columbia is concerned, rails laid to Port Moody, disolves the obligation, but since that harbor was made the objective point, the Canadian Pacific Railway Syndicate has entertained, or listened to propositions from property holders interested in extending the line.

One may suit ones taste or convenience by calling the additional road an extension, or branch, but the extension or branch brings one to the actual terminus all the same, and the terminus may be said to be moveable hereafter. As matters stand to-day, it would appear from what we can learn from good authority, that honors are divided between Coal Harbor and English Bay, and they are so very dose together, that, aside from thea ctual town site, what will help one location, will certainly assist the peedy development of the other. mormed by captains of steam vessels, avigate these waters, that the narrows between Engish Bay and Port Moody, are serious obstacles to hat harbor, and it is the general impression that the erminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway will come hown the coast. In this connection, it may be intersting to our readers to learn the distances from Coal llarbor and English Bay to Yokohama, Japan, New fork, Boston, Montreal and Liverpool, as compared with other places and routes with which these disributing centers will ultimately come into active ompetition.

It is stated on good authority that the distance beween Coal Harbor and Yokohama, Japan, is 4,374 autical miles from Coal Harbor to New York, via landian Pacific Railway, 3,241 miles; to Montreal, 1862. Comparing these figures with the distances from San Francisco to Yokohama, we find that there is a saving in favor of the Canadian Pacific Railway erminus of nearly 800 miles; between San Francisco and New York, a saving of about 150 miles; and, as between San Francisco and Liverpool, the Canadian route has the advantage in distance, via the Canadian Pacific Railway over all other rail routes, of about The distance from Yokohama via San Francisco and New York to Liverpool, is stated to be about 12,038; via Coal Harbor or English Bay. and Montreal, 11,111 miles. We are looking ahead a good deal when we speak of the opening up of the Hudson Bay route at the same time there are many practical and scientific men who firmly believe in this outlet, and who are enthusiastic about the feasibility of the general plan. From Coal Harbor via the Canadian racific Railway and Hudson Bay route to Liverpool would give a saving of 2,600 miles over the route from Sau Francisco to the same point. As the Asiatic trade with this continent is constantly on the increase, the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway will revolutionize freight rates, and the terminus of the road on this coast will undoubtedly become a port of great commercial importance.

EVENTS IN PAST SEPTEMBERS.

In September, 1683, an Ottoman army two hundred thousand strong, aided by a body of Hungarians, had so far overrun Austria, as to lay siege to Vienna, which might have fallen, had the Turks acted promptly. Their dissesions and delay allowed time for John Sobieski, King of Poland, and the Duke of Lorraine to march with an army towards Vienna, from which the Turks (12th September), retreated without fighting. Their commander, the Grand Vizier Kada-Mustapha, expecting to find in Vienna, much treasure, had to leave his own in the hands of Sobieski, and went to surrender his head to the Sultan. Sobieski sent to the Pope the grand standard of the Prophet, in their haste left behind by the invaders.

How much in two centuries has Turkish power waned.

Austria has shown her gratitude by since, in conjunction with Prussia and Russia, again and again partitioning Poland, until at length, in 1832, it ceased to exist as an independent kingdom.

In September. 1884, the three Emperors have met in Poland to devise, what? Means for repression of liberal advancement in Western Europe? or for improving the condition, and thereby more contenting the peoples over which they severally dominate in a more or less despotic fashion.

Sept. 13, 1592. Died Michael de Montaigne, the celebrated essayist—Gibbon has said that Henri IV. and Montainge were the only two men. of liberality in France of the sixteenth century.

in France of the sixteenth century.

Sept. 14, 1852. Died Arthur, Duke of Wellington, aged eighty-three, "the most illustrious Englishman of his time," said the late Robert Chambers in his book of Days. Although the Duke egregiously failed in his political career as an opponent of parliamentary reform, no one ever hesitated to admit that he was perfectly honest and unselfish, alike as a politician, and as a soldier.

The title "Wellington," was taken from a small place in Somersetshire, near Taunton, where of yore, dwelt families of Welsleys or Wesleys.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION, 1884

The British Columbia Agricultural Exhibition, held in the grounds of the Association at Victoria, during Friday and Saturday, the 26th and 27th of September was a pronounced success in every way, all things considered, and came almost fully up to the sanguine expectations of the executive and surprised the visiting public by the many excellent features the show presented in the various departments. The weather, unfortunately, was unpropitious and not the sort of atmosphere we are led to consider our own peculiar right at this season of the year, but in the face of threatening clouds and several showers, nearly 3,000 people visited the fair during the two days it was open.

The new grounds and buildings were favorably commented upon on every hand, and exhibitors as aell as sight-seers were much pleased with the improved facilities provided for them, and certainly the aims of the Association have been well carried out as evidenced by the general success of this year's attendance and the display of the products of the Province from all sections.

The quarters constructed for live stock were comfortable and convenient and this department was well represented, many fine cattle and horses being exhibited showing marked improvement over previous years, both in quality and quantity. The display of sheep and pigs was also very meritorious and reflected credit upon the farming and stock raising community generally. The prize winners in all the above cases received high praise for their exhibits. The division allotted to poultry attracted unusual interest and elicited high admiration from those who understood this important marketable commodity.

In field produce, both as regards cereals and root crops, there was an admirable collection well calculated to impress the stranger with the wonderful capabilities of our proditic soil, the same may be said of the excellent display of fruits which attracted universal attention.

In the limited space at our disposal it is impossible to particularize in the miscellaneous exhibition of home manufactures, but we are able to state generally that the large collection of manufactured products displayed this year reflected the highest credit upon the industrial portion of the community and gave emphatic evidence of the enterprise and progressive spirit possessed by our business men and we look forward confidently to wide extension and developing this department in the near future.

In conclusion we are glad to be able to add our congratulations to those expressed to the managers of

the Agricultural Association, whose efforts have resulted so favorably and to express our hope that the next exhibition will show the same improvement, keeping pace with the progress of the country and advertising the unrivaled advantages of the Pacific Province.

EXHIBITION NOTICE.

Prominent among the exhibits at the Agricultural Association Fair was the display of Mr. Tugwell, of Sooke. His display of seeds, all grown on the Island were admired by every one. The following is a list of home grown seeds exhibited by him:

Porarous, 4884, Mayflower; very early and remarkable for its keeping qualities.

1584 O. K. Mammoth; medium early and a won-derful cropper.

1883. Rosy Morn; extra early; yield large.

1883. Sunrise: extra early: yield large.

1883. Jones' Prizetaker; medium early; extra

1883. Rubicand; medium; red skinned variety.

1883. Wall's Orange; a good cropper of large notatoes.

1884. -Browneil's Best; an excellent new seeding.

1884.—Early Household; Pringle.

1884 Vermont Champion; medium late; excellent.

1881 - White Star; late; succeeds well everywhere.
Alpha; medium; white skinned.

Magnum Bonum, (Sutton's); a good English variety.

Beauty of Hebron; very early and hard to beat.

Late Beauty of Hebron; recommended for main crops.

Bliss' Triumph: early and good.

Barbank Scolling; a white skinned; medium bar variety.

Early Snowllake; a favorite sort.

Early Vermont; very productive and hardy.

Mathchless; a beautiful potato; good cropper and keeper.

Mammoth Pearl; medium; a great favorite.

Pride of America: early; a superb variety.

White Elephant: disease proof.

Brownell's Beauty; an excellent medium late set. Tugwell's No. 1 Seedling; a real beauty and crops well.

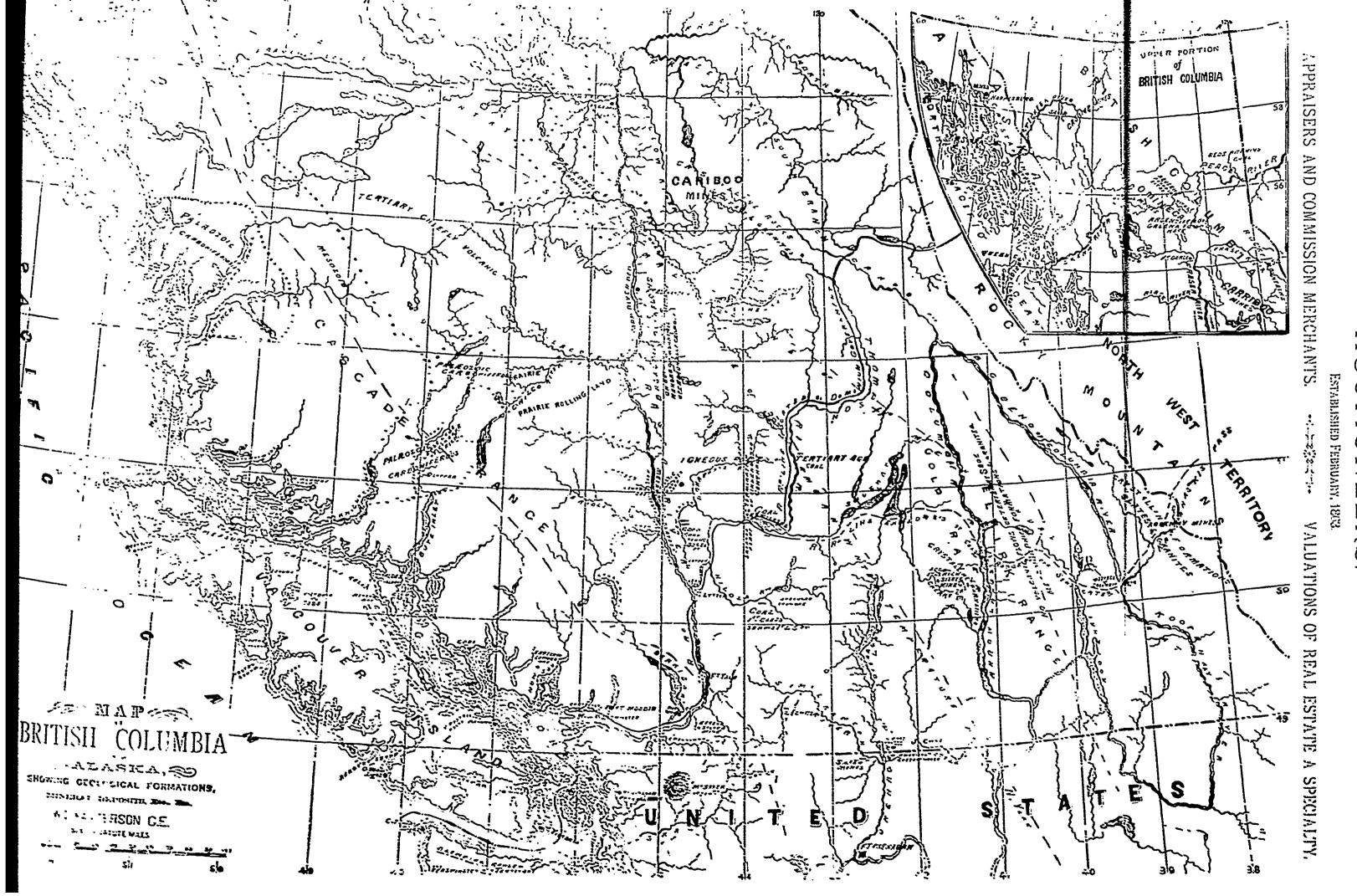
Vancouver; early (Lexford); similar to Early Res. St. Patrick: medium early; yields abundantly.

St. Patrick: late: yields abundantly.

Tyrian Purple; a fine cropper of excellent quality

Pease-1884 Bliss' Everbearing; grows we bushy and yields abundantly.

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Pride of the Market; a New England sort.

TUBNIP SEEDS.—Carter's London. Improved American.

Sutton's Improved. All hardy good croppers and epers.

The above seeds are all the choicest of good seeds and most of them have had a certificate of merit from a Royal Horticultural Society of London, and seeds at have been first offered by the most successful phridizers, and obtained at a large price by Mr. agwell, who has tried them with many other seeds a his Seed Farm at Sooke, before offering them to be British Columbia farmers.

The other exhibits were all good; some of the live ock deserving more than a passing notice, whilst he displays made by the different factories show that he are quite capable of supplying a large portion of he demand for home made goods, in at least a dozen ifferent lines.

ASIATIC TRADE.

The Winnipeg Sun has been very busy of late tryg to convince its readers that the Canadian Pacific alway Company is on its last legs, and that it is ply a question of brief weeks and months when the ominion Government must take possession of the ans-continental enterprise. In the course of these ticles, which we regret to state have been echoed rother newspapers, the writer endeavors to sneer be whole question of an important terminus on the wife Coast out of existence by belittling prospecre Chinese and Japanese trade, and making erroconsistatements as to the present facts of the case; so, leading the reader to suppose that the trade from e Orient with San Francisco and thence across the patinent is entirely insignificant. We notice a local per has followed the lead given by the Sun, empasizing the argument by quoting a rumor from ew York that the steamers of the Occidental and mental line would be taken off the China and Japan putes—a rumor that has been officially denied by It Charles Crocker, of San Francisco. That the C. R. must have a terminus and that that point, berever situated, will become a most important ace in a very short time, cannot be denied, and it is probelief that an immense Asiatic trade will be imediately developed. As will be seen by reference another article in this issue, the distances between mal Harbor and eastern and western points give e prospective terminus of the Canadian road every trantage over other ports on the Pacific.

SEPTEMBER, 1884.

Last September will be remembered for its frequency of rainfall, much retarding harvest of grain crops on the Northern Pacific slope. Only eleven days of the month enjoyed uninterrupted sunshine. Five, although fair, had only occasional sunshine, and fourteen with rare glimpses of old Sol, were more or less rainy. On the morning of the 26th, a slight frost was noticed, and on that of the 28th, thin ice was found on a tub of water.

The following observations were taken at Cloverdale, a short way from Victoria City.

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1-Changeable, dry.
2-Changeable, wet.
3-Changeable, wet.
4-Cha geable, dry.
5-Changeable, wet.
4-Changeable, wet.
21-Changeable, wet.
22-Fine.
7-Changeable, dry.
22-Fine.
22-Fine.
22-Fine.
3-Changeable, wet.
25-Fine.
25-Fine.
26-Changeable, wet.
27-Cangeable, wet.
28-Changeable, wet.
28-Fine.
29-Changeable, wet.
29-Changeable, wet.
21-Fine.
21-Fine.
22-Cangeable, wet.
22-Cangeable, wet.
23-Fine.
23-Changeable, wet.
24-Changeable, wet.
25-Changeable, wet.
36-Changeable, wet.
37-Cangeable, wet.
38-Changeable, wet.
39-Changeable, wet.
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The following observations were taken by Mr. Livock, in this city, for the month of September:

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The Vancouver Island Building Society, of which we gave an extended notice some time since, is now an established institution, it having been incorporated on the 9th of last month. The officers for the remainder of the year have been elected, and it is the intention of the Directors to have a drawing take place at an early date, probably early in October. There have been 128 of the shares taken up, and after all expenses incidental to starting an enterprise of this character, the Treasurer reports a balance on hand of nearly one thousand dollars, so, taken all in all, the Directors have reason to feel proud of the result of their labors.

RETAIL FAMILY MARKET.

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(COMPILED BY NEUFE	LDER & ROSS, GROCERS.)
Apples - Slicedper lb \$ 0 124 Quartered10	Jams, Cutting's assid 50 C & Bassid 37
Evaporated 20	C & Bassid
Ammonia, washing, qts	Or'co marmalado K 50
Axle Grease, H & L. per tin. 374	d Fairble 5 lb ting 1 25
Asparagus, per tin	10 lb wood
Asparagus, per tin	20th wood
Bacon, choice brekfst, per lb. 22 Beef compressed, 24b tins . 50	Lame nuce, half bottle 50 Cordinal
Beef, compressed, 2 B tms 50 Johnson's Fluid 50 Johnson's Fluid 50 Johnson's Fluid 1 10	Lobsters, 1 lb tins
Johnson's Fluid 1 30 Liebig's Extract 50	Lentils 12 Meals, corn, 10 lb sks 50
Butter, California grass Roll 8714	Corn 25 lb sks 1 (0)
Pat 50	S. F 10 lb sks 75
Beans, Bayo, per lb 0	Scotch, 25 lh tins 3 00 Crkd wheat 10 lb sks 62
Butter 6	Farina, 10 lb sks 1 50 Rice flour 1 50
1.mma	1 1800kwt nr 1040 8ks - 75
String, per tin 374 Luna, per tin 374 Haricots Verts 374	Middlings, per lb
Blue, Ball, per box	Orleake ground 2 Chop field
Blacking, Masons's, 3 tins 25	Safety 3 pkgs for 50
Brick, Bath, each 1212	Milk, condensed
Brick, Bath, each	Mango, stuffed per bottle 1 00 Mustard, D. S. F. per tins 37
Brushes, stove25 to 62% Scrub25 to 62%	Mushrooms
	Nuts Bar elonas, per lb 20 Brazills 20
Buckets, zinc30 to 1 (*)	Brazills
Brooms 25673 Catsup, Tomato pot 25 Mushroom, bottle, 3715	Pecan
Mushroom, bottle. 3714 Walnut, bottle 3714	Oats, per Ib
Walnut, bottle 3712 Candles, Prices per lb 30 Canary Soed, 6 lb 1 02	f Potatoes, per lb.,
I Browns Siggi. The III	Pails, Wood
Celery, Salt, per bottle	Peas, Split, per lb
Chocolate, per lb	Peel Lemon, Citron, per lb., 50
Chutney Sauce, per bottle 50	Pate de foi gras, per lin 1 25
Mango	Prunes, S. F. per lb 20 French, per lb 25
Cala	Pickles, Kegs 5 gal 250
Swirs 30	Capt. Whites 623
Sap Sago 50	Raisins, Choicest, Selected
Roquefort 1 (0)	Muscatelles per bx 8 00
Clams, per tin	Choice Muscatelles 25
Corn. Winslow's, per tin 37/2	per Ib
Clothespins, per doz 5 Currents, per lb 16	per box
Currants, per lb	l Valencia, per lh 20
Green, Java	Sultanas, per lh 20 Rice, Sandwich Island, 10
Ground 40	China, per mat, 50 lb 2 25 Saleratus, per lb 15
Coconnut tatlies 25	Soda Bi Carbonate, per lb
Picnic 1214	Salmon, 3 tins 50
Lemon 23	Sardines, & box, in ting 37
Ginger	\ \frac{1}{2} box
Deviled Underwood Hum 50 Chicken 50	Salt, bottles,
Game 50 Tongue 50	F. L. per lb. 2 Sauces, L.& P Large per bull 62
Eggs, strictly fresh	L&P Small
Foreign	Nabob 25 Yorkshire Relish 25 Montserrat 57
Commercial, 3 botts - 20	Montserrat 37 Tabasco 50
Fruits, assid table, 2 lb tins, 40 San Jose, ex h syr qts 1 25	Seeds, Caraway, per lb. 25 Cannry, 6 lb. 1 (0)
San Jose, ex h syr pis 75	Hemp. 6 lb 1 (t)
Flour, Baker's Extra, per bbl 6 (0)	Rape, 6 lb
Graham. 10 lb scks. 50	Sonps. Asst. pertin
[[ye, D 20]	white Mottled, 24 fb 3 to
Comprsed, 24b tas. 75	Eng Tall'wCrown per hx 2 60 Toilet Soap, 1 doz 1 00
Whole, cookd, pr lb Herrings, Holland per keg 2 77 Smoked	Toilet Glacerine, I doz. 1 50
Marionert	Soap, Ivory, 1 har 15 Spices, whole Allspice, per lb 25 Cloves, per lb 1 (t)
Half gal. tin 1 (1)	Cinnamon, per lb 2 (1) Mace, per lb 2 (1)
Syrup jars 674	Nutmeg per lb 2 (0)
Hope, packed	Popper, per lb
Hops, packed	tins, 2 for

Spices,-2 tins,		Tongue, Lunch, No 1	50
Allanico	3714	Teas, English Breakfast	
Cloves	3714	Choice, per lb	
Sage	3714	Choicest, per lb	63
Thymo	3714	Ext Choicest, per lb 75 to	
Marjoram	3714	Japans per lb50 to	7.
Mace	371,	Basket Fired Garden	10
Mixed	371	Assum, per lb	73
Starch, 6 lb box. Kingsford's	1(x)	Blended, Our brand	13
12 lb box Kinsgford's	1 50	Tobacco, T & B cut plug,	10
Corn Starch, 5 lb box	1 (0)	T & B, per 1b	73
Syrup, Sugar House Drips		Paces, per 1b	1 (1
per gal	1 25	Chick, per lb	1 0
Sugar House tins	1 25	Sailor's Delight per lb.	1 (0
Sugar House, 5 gal keg.	5 00	Lorillards, per lb	1 (0
Canadian, 5 gal keg	4 50	Vermicilli per lb	23
Canadian, per gal, I G.	1 (10)	Vinegar, No 22 Malt. per gal.	1 (0
Maple, 12 gal	1 25	Wine, per gal	1 0
Sugar, Paris Lumps, 6 lb	1 00	Washboards	30)
Dry Granulated, 7 lb	1.00	Wash-powder, 3 pkgs	50
C. Coffee, 74 lb	1 OG	Wheat, per lb	2
D. Coffee, 8 lb	1 (0)	Yeast Powder, 4 pkg P & M.	23
Central Amer. 10 lb	1 (1)	per doz	250
Powdered, per lb	25	Royal, 4 pkg	31
Sugar of Lemon, per tin	50	Der doz	200
Tapioca, per lb	20	Golden Gate, 34 pkg	3
Tongue, Compressed 2 lb	75	per doz	200
Lunch, 21b No2	75	Golden Gate, 1 lb pkg	75
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ANTIMONIAL ORES.

Among the metallic and other minerals found associated with auriferous rocks, is antimony. With gold or antimonial ores it is possible to extract both the gold and the antimony. If antimonial ores are burned in kilns or roasting furnaces, either for the purpose of rendering the quartz more friable, or for getting rid of the antimony minerals, there is always a partial reduction, when the heat is vevy great and free access is given to atmospheric air. This reduction of ore producing metallic antimony is due to two causes—(1) the carbon of the fuel coming in contact with antimony oxide, either native oxide or that produced on the furnace by the oxidation of the sulphide, reducing it to a metallic condition; (2) by the action of the oxide on the sulphide, producing sulphurous acid and metallic antimony.

Metallic antimony has a great affinity for gold. It forms an alloy either when the two metals are melted together or when the vapor of antimony is passed over heated gold. The alloy produced is gray in color and very brittle, and amalgamates with mercury only after long contact and continual grinding, and by heating the two together. The amalgam when formed floats on mercury, and gradually gives up metallic antimony as a fine powder when agitated with water. This antimonial powder carries off a quantity of mercury and gold amaigam entangled with it.

Antimonial sulphide is one of the worst minerals with which the quartz worker has to deal. It divides the mercury into a black "flour" even more quickly than arsenical pyrites; and if the flour is triturated with the intention of bringing the globules of mercury together, a chemical combination takes place. The mass gradually changes color, passing from the original blue-black or dark gray to a pure black, and then through brown to a brown-red. Upon examination Cosmo Newberry finds that the remaining mercury contains antimony, and that the brown-red, non-metallic portion consists of a mixture of undecomposed antimony sulphide and mercury sulphide. So-thim amalgam he finds worse than uscless in bringing together globules of mercury floured by antimony sulphide.

The process adopted by the Costerfield Co. (Vicoria, N. S. W.) for treating these ores, consisting of sulphide and brown and white oxides of antimony, is s follows: The portion of the ore free from quartz spicked out and set aside for smelting, the remain-The tailings fer being crushed to extract the gold. re then conveyed to he .ps and prepared for smelting y a process of puddling. A sluice-box is fed with silings, which pass on to a triangular tray, forming minclined flume, so arranged as to cause the water and tailings to flow over it in a broad, shallow stream, ate an oblong receiving pit. The purest antimony re, from its greater specific gravity, settles in the it at the end nearest the tray. As the sediment occies from this end it gradually becomes mixed ith an increasing proportion of sand; but much of he latter is carried away in the overflow of water rom the pit.

On cleaning out the receiving pit, that portion of scontents containing quartz sand is returned to the caps, to be again passed through the puddle, and be pure ore is collected in bags and sent to the

boiler-house to be dried. It is then placed in a smelting furnace, wirh equal proportions of uncrushed ore, and reduced to crushed antimony (sulphide), the slag and cinder resulting from this process being further treated by roasting or calcining in a reverberatory furnace to liberate the oxide, which passes off in fumes from the furnaces into the oxide flue; and as the fumes cool on their passage to the smoke-stack, the oxide is deposited in chambers constructed in the flue to receive it. The residue from the reverberatory furnace is afterwards crushed to extract any gold it may contain. The gold obtained from the mineral defrays the whole of the company's working expenses, and the yield of crude antimony and oxide is clear profit. The ore yields about 45 per cent of crude antimony.

The process adopted for treating auriferous ores containing antimony sulphide, by fusing the sulphide with a portion of metallic antimony, and using the same metal with fresh charges of the ore, until it becomes rich in gold, and then separating the metals by the oxidation of the antimony, while suitable for rich antimony ores, will not answer for those containing less than per cent of the sulphide, as they are too silicious to fuse. Hence, only large quantities of poorer auriferous antimony ores do not yield half than gold to ordinary processes, and do not return any antimony when worked for gold.

According to Lock, Mr. Cosmo Newbery has introduced the following method for treating such ores, which may also contian gold, silver, nickel, cobalt, sulphur and arsenic. The uncrushed ores are placed in a kiln or furnace with a quantity of salt sufficient to produce the amount of chlorine necessary to get rid of the sulphur, antimony and arsenic. As soon as the calcination commences a supply of steam or aqueous vapor is conducted to the bottom of the kiln or into the furnace, in such quantities as to keep the whole mass saturated. That it is so saturated is ascertainable by holding a condensing surface, such as a piece of cold iron, over the calcining mass; if the saturation is being effected, the surface soon becomes damp.

The saturation is continued until there are neither antimonial nor arsenical fumes, nor the smell of sulphurous acid or sulphereted hydrogen. The process is then completed, and the charge is drawn; it is ready for any further treatment for extracting the precious metal. A peculiar condenser for facilitating the solidification of the metallic vapors given off in these evasting processes has been perfected by the introduction of the process described.—Ex.

A New Motor.—The scientific commission of the Vienna Electrical Exhibition has recently made very satisfactory trials with a so-called "Hock Motor," manufactured by Messrs. Hock & Co., of Vienna. The motor consists of an air-tight fireplace, whose fire is fed by compressed air; water is injected into the resulting gases of combustion, and the resulting mixture of steam and combustion products, which the inventor calls "air steam," is led directly into the engine. We have therefore machinery without a boiler The results of the trials were exceedingly gratifying. The machine, of six normal horse power, developed 12.23 effective horse power, with a consumption of coal of 2.2 pounds per hour for each effective horse power.

VICTORIA POST OFFICE

TIME TABLE OF ARRIVAL AND CLOSING OF MAILS, FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1884

FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1884.							
CLOSE.	PLACES.	DUE,					
Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 6:45 a, m.	New Westminsten, Burrard Inlet, Granville, Moodyville and Ladner's Landing, Yale, Port Moody, Maple Bridge (Port Haney), Matsqui, Emory, Ferney, Coombe, Lytton, Drymock and Sponces' Bridge, Harrison River, Lula Island.	Saturday at 3 p. m.					
Fridays at 6:45 a. m.	ASHCROPT, Cache Creek, Savona Ferry, Clinton, Lac la Hache, Soda Creek, Alexandrin, Quesnelle, 150	Saturday at 3 p. m.					
Fridays at 6:45 a. m.	Mille House, and Barkerville	Saturday at 3 p. m.	i				
Fridays at 6:45 a. m.	and Dog Creek. DUCK & PRINDLE, Spalumcheen, Okanagan, and	Saturday at 8 p. m.	ĺ				
5th and 29th 6:45.	Okamagan Mission Osoyoos, Penticton, Semilkameen, and Rock Creek		ĺ				
Mondays and Fridays	Kamloops	date of departure. Tues. & Sat. at 3 p. m.					
at 6:45 a. m. Friday at 6:45 a. m.	PLUMPER PASS	Saturday at 3 p. m.					
Mondays at 6:45 a. m.	NICOLA LARE	Saturday at 3 p. m.					
1st and 30th at 7 p. m.	FORT WRANGEL, Sitka, Harrisburg and Juneau City, via Port Townsend, W. T.	Uncortain.					
Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 6:45 a. m. Mon. & Fri. at 6:45 a.m. Wednesday at 6:45 a.m.	NANADO, Wellington, Cowichan, Maple Bay, and Chemainus. SALT SPRING ISLAND and Burgoyne Bay. Coxox and Quadra (Baynes Sound)	Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday at 3 p. m. Tues, & Sat. at 3 p. m. Saturday at 3 p. m.					
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THE MOABITE STONE.

The trustees of the British Museum, says a correspondent, have exhibited a handsome present just rereived from the authorities of the Louvre, in Paris. It is a cast of what is known as the Moabite Stone, the history of which is one of the romances of archæplogy. It records the successful attempt of Mesha, King of Moab, about 900 B. c., to throw off the yoke of slavery imposed by the Israelites upon his country after it had been endured forty years, together with the ignominious retreat of the Israelites from the land they had so long annexed. The only references to this triumph of Mesha, which he piously ascribes to the grace of his god Chemosh, to be found in the Old Testament, is the curt statement in 2 Kings, i. 1, to the effect that then Moab rebelled against Israel, after the death of Ahab. The cast is a very fine one, closely resembling marble; but the stone itself, which shout 40 inches high, 20 inches wide, and the same in thickness, is a heavy compact piece of basalt. The extreme hardness is the reason why the letters, which are in the Phoenician character, are engraved quite superficially.

The Moabite Stone, the singular history of which s not difficult of access, was first discovered in 1863 by Mr. Klien, at Dibhan, the Dibon of the Bible, on the cast side of the Dead Sca, and after having been destroyed by the Arabs, and since collected fragment by fragment, and reconstructed by M. Clermont-Ganneau, has for a long time been one of the most valiable objects in the oriental department of the

Salicylic Acm in Beer .- Some interesting experments by Heinzelmann have been published, which ffer additional proofs of the value of salicylic acid s an antiseptic, when used judiciously, really rengthens and encourages the growth of yeast. The pthor's experiments show that, although the vitality the yeast is completely destroyed by the presence 10,03 per cent of salicylic acid, the addition of only .01 per cent actually favors its greatest activity, and urther, that the yeast cells developed in the pres nee ithis proportion of salicylic acid are stronger and ager than those produced in a solution free from his acid; moreover, the production of alcohol in a iven time is said to be greater. The addition of me part of salicylic acid to 10,000 parts of the mash said to favor fermentation, especially when sugar used. In two series, each of three experiments, wheres employed (1) beer alone and beer mixed epectively with (2) 100 and (3) 200 grains per bard. The three beers we exposed to the air for two ceks, and subsequently closed up for a month, after lich period they were examined. The beer 1 withat salicylic acid was sour, beer 2 was only slightly per, and beer 3 not at all. To complete the investition, the salicylated beer was employed for dietetic moses for several weeks without any deleterious led on the health of the experimenter. It is therere clear that the addition at most of 250 grains bout one-half ounce) per barrel preserves the beer about affecting its use as a beverage. The author lends the use of salicylic acid, and maintains that a ppulicial amount would never be added, owing to cacility with which salicylic acid may be accurdy estimated.

SALE OF JAMES BAY LOTS.

At the auction sale of James Bay lots, held at the salesrooms of Messrs. J. P. Davies & Co., last Saturday, the attendance was large and the bidding of a character calculated to fill the anctioneer's heart with joy. The prices obtained show that real estate is still steadily appreciating in value. We append the names of the purchasers and the prices paid for the different pieces of property:

T. Nuttall, lot 937, \$580; lot 947, \$580; lot 938, \$610. L. Levy, lot 948, \$550; T. C. Nuttall, lot 939, \$630. G. Montobio, lot 940, \$560. E. M. Johnson, lot 1342, \$715; lot 1343, \$600; lot 1344, \$600; lot 1345, \$600. R. Horne, lot 1317, \$625. F. Carne, lot 1316, \$460. S. Fein, lot 1325, \$450; lot 1324, \$340. F. Carne, lot 1315, \$510. F. W. Jesse, lot 1323, \$265. H. E. Croasdaile, lot 1314, \$455. F. W. Jesse, lot, 1322, \$265. H. E. Croasdaile, lot 1313, 510. T. Allsop, lot 1321, \$270. A. Watson, jr., lot 1320, \$285. J. H. Todd, lot 1312, \$500; F. W. Jesse, lot 1311, \$520; lot 1319, \$345; lot 1972, \$405. W. Prout, lot 1952, \$390; 1971, 365. G. Martin, lot 1953, \$360; lot 1970, \$310. W. Prout, lot 1954, \$375. George Steitz, lot 1969, \$365; lot 1955, \$425; lot 1968, \$400.

RECEIPTS OF COAL IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR AUGUST.

The receipts of coal at San Francisco last month were larger than for any previous month this year, and the total was nearly 18,000 tons in excess of July. The quantity was proportionately distributed among the several sources of supply. Exclusive of the product of the Mount Diablo mines, the deliveries for August and for the first eight months of the year have been as follows:

	For	Jan. 1 to
•	August.	Aug. 31.
Carbon Hill,	16,890	101,015
Renton	2,066	28,202
Scattle	15,345	87,459
Coos Bay	1,800	16,109
Anthracite		9,805
Cumberland	3,000	15,907
East Wellington	1,600	10,403
Nanaimo	9,796	64.244
Wellington	7,030	73,686
Australian		74,574
English	6,823	35 353
Welsh	2401	12,814
Scotch		11,356
Totals	83,272	540,927

The late Java earthquake has been minutely studied by a Dutch engineer, officially sent out by the government, and his report gives most interesting details respecting the causes and effects of the volcanic eruptions in Sunda Straits. Beginning on August 20th, they attained their maximum on the 27th, when the sound of their reports could be heard in Ceylon and Australia, thus traveling over a surface of 2,049 miles and forming a circle representing the fifteenth part of the whole surface of the globe.

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